

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

In the specification, the paragraph beginning on page 5 line 1 has been amended to correct a minor editorial problem.

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1-12 have been canceled. Claims 13-25 have been added.

The indication that claims 2-3, 9 and 11-12 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, is acknowledged with appreciation.

Claim 19 is claim 9 rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph and in independent form. Claim 19 has been additionally amended to change the term common carrier to housing and to change the term base wall to intermediate wall. Antecedent basis for these term changes is found in the specification on page 4 line 5.

Claim 20 is claim 11 rewritten in independent form. Claim 21 is claim 12 which now depends from claim 20. Claim 22 is claim 2 rewritten in independent form. Claim 23 is claim 3 which now depends from claim 22.

Thus, claims 19-23 should be allowable.

Claims 24 and 25 also depend from claim 22. Claims 24 and 25 merely contain further limitations to allowable claim 22. Thus, claims 24 and 25 should also be allowable.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Belmond (EP 0936112).

Claim 1 defines over Belmond. Belmond does not disclose or suggest a pivotally mounted two-armed lever having a first arm directly connected to a screw nut and a second arm directly connected to a brake cable where first and second arms are located at opposed ends of the lever and are rigidly connected to each other during both an activated condition of the brake cable and during a released condition of the brake cable.

The brake system of Belmond comprises a support 12, a plate 6 and a support section 16. The support section 16 and the plate 6 are rotatably mounted with respect to the support 12. As can be seen in Figure 4 of the drawings, the support section 16 comprises at its outer periphery a guide section 14 to which an end of a brake cable 5 is connected and a toothed section 15. The toothed section 15 is intended to cooperate with a pawl 18 which is rotatably mounted on the plate 16. A spring 17 is arranged between the plate 6 and the support section 16 and is connected with an end to the plate 6 and which the opposite end to the guide section 14 of the support section 16. As is disclosed in claim 5 of the patent to Belmond, the pawl 18 is always engaged with the toothed section 15 of the support section thus preventing a relative movement between the plate 6 and the support section 16, except in the released state of the brake in which the pawl 18 is disengaged with the toothed section 15. Thus, during activating and releasing the brake the plate 6 and the support section 16 are

connected with each other via the pawl 18. Thus, claim 1 should be allowable.

Claims 13-14 depend from claim 1 and define over the patent to Belmod for the same reasons as claim 12 and for the specific limitations recited therein. Claims 13-14 merely recite further limitations to allowable claim 12. Thus, claims 13-14 should be allowable.

Claim 15 is directed to a park brake system for a vehicle which includes a housing structure having an intermediate wall and a plurality of side walls extending from the intermediate wall and defining an open space on both sides of the intermediate wall, and a pair of covers connected to the side walls for closing the spaces on both sides of the intermediate wall.

The patent to Belmond does not disclose the housing structure according to claim 15. Thus, claim 15 should be allowable.

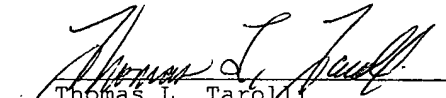
Claims 16-18 depend from claim 15 and define over the patent to Belmond for the same reasons as claim 15 and for the specific recitations therein. Claims 16-18 merely recite further limitations to allowable claim 15 and should themselves be allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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